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IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 6, 2008

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated November 6, 2008, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 6, 2009.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response and prior to the expiration of two months from the mailing of the Office Action. Accordingly, an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is needed to maintain the pendency of the application, such as for entry of an Examiner's Amendment and/or any fee is necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any required fee, including any extension of time and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.